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SUBJECT: ECE WESTERN CAUCUS DISCUSSION ON ENVIRONMENT
MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 1977

REFERENCE: (A) GENEVA 7618 (NOTAL), (B) GENEVA 7645 (NOTAL)

1. APPRECIATE PROMPT AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT REF A SUM-
MARIZING RESULTS OF WESTERN CAUCUS MEETING SEPT. 5. REFTELS
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BEING REPEATED TO ALL ADDRESSEES.

2. WE ENVISAGE ADDRESSING ELEVEN PROPOSED TOPICS FOR
DRAFT AGENDA IN TWO PARTS. FIRST, SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISERS (SAEP) WOULD SELECT THOSE CONSIDERED WORTHY OF
MORE DETAILED CONSIDERATION. SECONDLY, DURING COURSE OF
SEPT. 19-21 MEETING SAEP WOULD REVIEW THESE WITH OBJEC-

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TIVE OF DETERMINING WHAT, IF ANY, HIGH LEVEL ACTION COULD BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THEM. SAEP COULD CARRY OUT THIS REVIEW AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OR DIVIDED INTO 2 OR 3 SMALLER GROUPS. RESULT OF DELIBERATIONS WOULD BE TO SKETCH BROADLY WHAT ACTION COULD BE TAKEN AT A POSSIBLE HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON THESE TOPICS. BEFORE ADJOURNING SAEP COULD ASK ECE SECRETARIAT TO FLESH OUT THESE PRIORITY TOPICS (WHICH WOULD REMAIN "CANDIDATE TOPICS") AND CIRCULATE ITS ANALYSIS TO MEMBER COUNTRIES. AT ITS PLENARY NEXT FEBRUARY, SAEP COULD MAKE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING (A) WHICH, IF ANY, OF CANDIDATE TOPICS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY ECE SESSIONAL MEETING AS POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE ENVIRONMENT PLUS (B) PROPOSALS AS TO WHAT ACTION BY HIGH-LEVEL MEETING MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.

3. FYI ONLY: WE WOULD EXPECT TO PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN PROPOSING WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO DEAL WITH TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION TOPIC. IN BRIEF, WE EXPECT TO ARGUE THAT HIGH-LEVEL MEETING COULD ADOPT EFFECTIVE MEASURES (A) TO COORDINATE MONITORING OF TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION (SUPPORTING AND EXPANDING CURRENT ECE EFFORT), INCLUDING NECESSARY HARMONIZATION OF INSTRUMENTATION AND MEASUREMENT, THROUGHOUT ECE REGION; (B) TO ADOPT A REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS OF INCREASED AIRBORNE SULPHUR LEVELS ON BIOTA; (C) TO ADOPT A PROGRAM TO DEVELOP A MUTUALLY-UNDERSTOOD ANALYTICAL PROCESS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
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ANALYSIS, TO ASSESS THE EFFECTS OF TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION IN ECE MEMBER COUNTRIES (AGAIN BUILDING ON CURRENT ECE WORK); AND (D) TO COMMIT PARTICIPANTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FOREGOING ACTIONS AND FURTHER TO AGREE TO COMMUNICATE PLANS TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR POWER AND INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION HAVING POTENTIAL TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION IMPACTS. WE WOULD PLAY MORE CRITICAL ROLE IN QUERYING WHETHER A COMPARABLE SCENARIO OF PROPOSED ACTIONS COULD BE DEVELOPED FOR OTHER TOPICS AT POSSIBLE HIGH LEVEL MEETING. END FYI.

4. IN EFFECT, UPCOMING SAEP MEETING WILL SEPARATE PROPOSED TOPICS INTO TWO GROUPS, POSSIBLES AND IMPOSSIBLES; WOULD RANK-ORDER POSSIBLES WITH SOME DETAIL AS TO WHAT MIGHT BE DONE ON EACH AT HIGH LEVEL MEETING; WOULD LEAVE TO SECRETARIAT FILLING IN ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS; WOULD CONSIDER THESE IN CAPITALS AND DECIDE NEXT FEBRUARY ON FINAL LIST. WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT FAVOR NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL FOR ONGOING TASK FORCES.

5. WE WERE GLAD TO NOTE(REFB) THAT FOREGOING TIMETABLE AND PROCEDURE WOULD FIT IN WITH STANOVIK SCENARIO INVOLVING PREPARATION OF HIS REPORT BY MID-DECEMBER. WE HOPE

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THAT STANOVIK VIEW CAN BE COMMUNICATED TO ECE SECRETARIAT CONCERNED WITH SAEP MEETING. THIS WOULD AVOID CONFUSION SUCH AS REFLECTED IN NORWEGIAN INTERPRETATION REPORTED PARAGRAPH 3, REF A.

6. MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS ABOVE ON CONFIDENTIAL AND INFORMAL BASIS WITH ECE SECRETARIAT (BISHOP AND STILLMAN), AND WITH NORWEGIAN AND OTHER WESTERN CAUCUS MISSIONS IF CONSIDERED USEFUL. USDEL TO SAEP SCHEDULED HOLD MEETING AT HOTEL ROUSSEAU 6 P.M. SEPTEMBER 18. MISSION REPS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND. VANCE

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